

I have been flying since back in 2002 and now hold an IFR and VFR certificate. From the time I began flying to today I have always been a very cautious, alert pilot. Safety and preparation are always first in my mind when it comes to being in an airplane. I have earned over 400 hours in twin engine flight and fly very frequently for business trips. Since I am an aircraft owner it is very practical for me to have my license and to be able to fly freely without restrictions to run a very successful business.

The ADIZ (Air Defense Identification Zone) seems to be operationally unworkable and causing many problems for pilots such as myself. This defense system seems to provide minimal security benefits, since the fact is no general aviation aircraft has ever been used in a terrorist attack. This type of defense has major flaws in that it doesn't seem to be well thought out and show any consideration for pilots and aviation businesses. There are much better ideas out there, such as keeping the 15 mile restriction but allowing lighter aircraft, flying at lower speeds to not have to be subject to current ADIZ requirements (filing flight plans, obtaining transponder codes, and maintaining two-way communications with traffic control). This would allow the protection that major cities like Washington, D.C. require, while not affecting businesses and pilots of small aircrafts who deserve their freedom to fly without limitations and boundaries.

If this type of restriction were to come into effect it would dramatically hurt VFR flying and the many people who work to make it what it is today. I strongly oppose any further restrictions to pilots like myself and would like to see the ADIZ new restrictions loosened if not dropped for pilots of lighter aircrafts.